

District Judge James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVOCATES,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY,
Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:19-cv-01051-JLR

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
ORDER

Noted for: July 3, 2020

Plaintiff Northwest Environmental Advocates (“NWEA”) and defendant United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) (collectively, “the parties”), by and through counsel, submit this Joint Status Report. NWEA filed this case under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (“FOIA”), on July 8, 2019. Dkt. No. 1. On October 7, 2019, this Court granted the parties’ motion for entry of an agreed order vacating the case schedule and setting FOIA disclosure obligations and deadlines for EPA. Dkt. No. 11. Pursuant to that order, the parties filed a status report with the Court on May 14, 2020, Dkt. No. 12, seeking additional time to resolve any outstanding disputes or present such disputes to the Court.

The parties are continuing to identify and confer on various issues related to the disclosures EPA made pursuant to the production order filed in this case. NWEA continues

1 to review EPA's latest production for completeness and sufficiency, and to identify
 2 documents it would like EPA to produce or produce in color. EPA is also in the process of
 3 providing information to NWEA regarding emails and their attachments from the last
 4 production. And the parties are attempting to resolve a dispute over EPA's application of an
 5 exemption to a document.

6 The parties believe they would benefit from having additional time to confer, to see if
 7 they can resolve all disputes concerning EPA's disclosures, in which case the parties expect
 8 to turn their attention to resolving NWEA's claims for costs and attorneys' fees.
 9 Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Court enter an order setting July 25,
 10 2020 as the deadline for the parties to submit another joint status report, which may include a
 11 proposed briefing schedule as appropriate.

12 **SO STIPULATED.**

13 Dated this 2nd day of July, 2020.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

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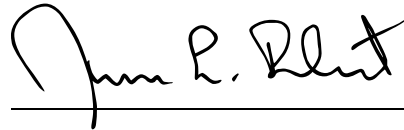
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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Robart", written over a horizontal line.

JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge